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SUBJ: DAVID ROCKEFELLER VISIT

1. DAVID ROCKEFELLER, CHAIRMAN OF CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, AND PARTY OF SEVEN SPENT 25 EVENTFUL HOURS IN YEMEN OVER FEB. 24 AND 25. DURING THIS SHORT VISIT, ROCKEFELLER MET WITH PRESIDENT AHMAD AL-GHASHMI, PRIME MINISTER ABD AL-AZIZ ABD AL-GHANI, FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ AND OTHER KEY GOVERNMENT AND BANKING PERSONALITIES.

2. IN ADDITION TO A BANKERS LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE AMBASSADOR AND A CABINET DINNER GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER, ROCKEFELLER WAS ALSO TREATED TO A QAT SESSION AND DISPLAY OF YEMENI FOLK DANCING AT THE PRESIDENT'S COUNTRY HOUSE IN A VILLAGE NEAR SANA. FINALLY, ROCKEFELLER AND PARTY WERE DRIVEN TO TAIZ AND THEREBY ALSO HAD CHANCE TO SEE SOMETHING OF YEMEN'S SPECTACULAR SCENERY.

3. ROCKEFELLER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE DIRECTLY WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED CHASE MANHATTAN ACTIVITIES IN YEMEN, INCLUDING THE EVENTUAL  
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ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRANCH OFFICE IN SANA. IT WAS AGREED THAT A CHASE MANHATTAN TEAM WILL COME TO YEMEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER.

4. ON FEB. 25 ROCKEFELLER ALSO HAD AN EARLY MORNING HOUR-LONG SESSION WITH FONMIN ASNAJ WHO EMPHASIZED YEMENI CONCERNS ABOUT SOVIET ENCROACHMENTS ON HORN OF

AFRICA. ASNAJ ALSO EMPHASIZED NEED FOR U.S. SUPPORT OF SADAT'S PEACE EFFORTS AS WELL AS CONCOMITANT NEED FOR U.S. TO CULTIVATE SYRIA AS WAY OF BLOCKING SOVIET MACHINATIONS IN THE NEAR EAST. ROCKEFELLER PROMISED TO CONVEY YEMENI VIEWS TO APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON OFFICIALS UPON HIS RETURN.

5. COMMENT: VISIT CAN BE CONSIDERED MAJOR SUCCESS IN FURTHER STRENGTHENING NOT ONLY ECONOMIC BUT POLITICAL RELATIONS BETWEEN YEMEN AND THE U.S. YEMENIS WENT ALL OUT TO MAKE ROCKEFELLER WELCOME BOTH AS DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR DESIRE FOR CLOSER ECONOMIC TIES WITH U.S. AS WELL AS EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR WHAT YEMENIS PERCEIVE TO BE ROCKEFELLER'S UNDERSTANDING OF ARAB PROBLEMS AND SUPPORT THEREOF IN THE UNITED STATES. ROCKEFELLER SEEMED TO ENJOY HIMSELF IMMENSELY DURING THE VISIT AND DEPARTED APPARENTLY DEEPLY IMPRESSED BOTH BY THE TRADITIONAL FACETS OF YEMENI LIFE HE SAW AS WELL AS THE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENTAL GROWTH.  
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